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"WE KNOCK TO BOOST."

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ST. JOE TO MEET Y. M. P. C. TONIGHT

St. Joe Will Clash Tonight With the Fast
Y. M. P. C. Quintette of Lafayette.
A Spectacular Game Foreseen.

Tonight the varsity will play the fast Y.M.P.C.s of Lafayette. The latter met the St. Joe aggregation last year here on the home floor and were defeated with a score of 19 - 17. This year the Reps are out for their "scalp" again and from the outlook at present, the St. Joe team will prove victorious. Let us do all in our power by vigorous rooting. Let the team know that we stand behind them. Only three of last year's men are expected back, namely Ricks, who formerly played center on the St. Joe team, Pawlak and Long. The probable line-up for St. Joe will be Lause and Howard as forwards, Wellman at center and Tremel and Niese as guards.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

'Tis midnight hour, calm repose;
No stir, no sound.
The moon is hid; thick falls the snow
O'er wood and wold, o'er hill and dale.

From tower to tower, a mellow strain,
The Christmas bells call to and fro;
And answering echoes whisper low
Of joys sublime, the sweet refrain.

O merry chimes from far and near,
Now louder grow and now decrease.
Peace and good will, to men be peace, —
Each bell a tongue that bids us hear.

S. L. '18.

Music Professor Speaks Here.

Last Friday afternoon and evening, Professor Kenneth Bradley, President of Bush Temple, Chicago, gave two interesting talks, one on "Music," the other on "Art." The Students were not very enthusiastic over the thought of listening to lectures on such seemingly dry subjects, but it was surprising how interesting the professor made them and though there was not very much to learn from what he said, he proved very interesting. It was a good beginning for the lecture course of this year and we hope that the quality of the coming lectures will not fall below the one which Prof. Bradley delivered.

St. Joe Defeats St. Xavier's in Opening Game
of the Season.

On Sunday, December 16th, the fast St. Xavier quintet went down in their worst defeat in five years at the hands of the local varsity. For the first five minutes of play neither side was able to score, both teams playing defensive ball. St. Joe started things moving, scoring three times before her opponent could make a count. The whole of the first period was closely contested and ended with the score in St. Joe's favor, 16 - 9.

The varsity started the second half with a rush displaying perfect pass-work and caged the pill four times in lightning succession. The south side aggregation playing that hard, close guarding game, for which it is noted, began to make itself felt and for some time neither team scored. Towards the end of the period, however, the varsity started rolling 'em in again and when the final whistle sounded the score stood 42 - 16.

The main feature of the game was the brilliant pass-work of the varsity. Lause was easily the best point getter scoring 14 goals from the floor. Tremel, playing his old position at guard, was the bright light in the floor-work. Every man on the team played his position in brilliant fashion and all deserve great credit. Friedel and Vonderhaar featured for St. Xavier's.

Line-up

ST. JOE		ST. XAVIERS
Wellman	C.	Vonderhaar
Lause	F.	Friedel
Howard	F.	Ryan
Tremel	G.	Sheiner
Niese	G.	Potkotter

Field Goals — Tremel 1 — Howard 3 — Wellman 2 — Lause 14 — Vonderhaar 3 — Friedel 4.
Free Throws — Lause 2 out of three — Friedel 5 out of 11.

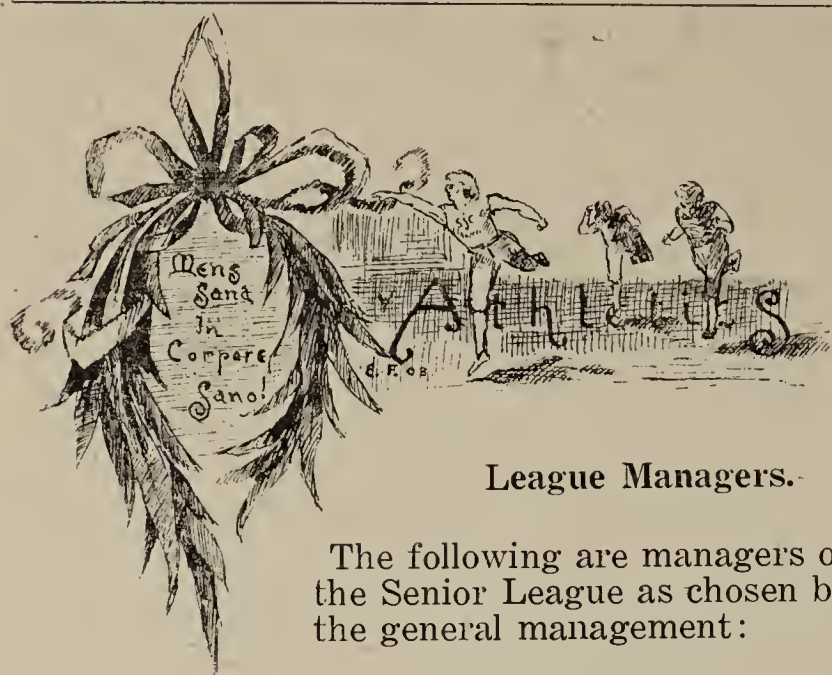
Referee — Vogt.

C. G.

Notice to Subscribers and Advertisers.

The Staff of the "College Cheer" wishes its friends a very Merry Christmas and a most Happy New Year!

What is going to be the biggest day at Collegeville during the year?
K. of C's Day.



League Managers.

The following are managers of the Senior League as chosen by the general management:

Seniors	Carl Goeckeler.
Fourth Latins	G. Dunn.
Third Latins	C. Schnitz.
Commercials	J. Hoelker.

The following are managers in the Junior League:

Jackies	L. Kleinhenz.
Liberty Loans	W. Recker.
Yankees	C. Hession.
Raillights	W. Smith.
Destroyers	J. Bourell.
Sammies	C. Gaul.

The following are managers of the Midget League:

Night Hawks	Coddington.
Badgers	E. Schaeffer.
Pirates	Cap Koenig.
Little Giants	Meade.

Midget League.

The Midget League opened up with a fast little game between the Little Giants and the Pirates. From the class shown in this game much can be expected from the Midget League. Westhoven starred for the Pirates while Cabel did more than his share for the Little Giants.

Little Giants 14		Pirates 10
Cabel	F.	Flanagan
James	F.	Westhoven
Malican	C.	Arnold
Ryan	G.	Clifford
Keller	G.	Koenig

Junior League.

The Junior League started with a fast game between the Raillights and the Yankees on Dec. 5th. Doorey starred for the Raillights.

Raillights 22		Yankees 18
Doorley	F.	LaMere
Kramps	F.	Kirchner
Carlin	C.	Cunningham
Kahle	G.	Hession
Smith	G.	Glueckert

On December the 12th, the Liberty Loans met the Sammies and were victorious. The game was fast but rather uninteresting. Kirchoff and Lampe did more than their share for the Loans, while Lange starred for the Sammies.

Liberty Loans 22

Lampe A.	F.
Kirchoff	F.
Byrne	C.
Recker W.	G.
Linder	G.

Sammies 7

Gaul
Partee
McCoy
Regnier
Lange

December the 15th saw a good game between the Destroyers and the Jackies. The Destroyers were the victors in this contest. Shorty Williams and Cox were the favorites.

Destroyers 22

Reed	F.
McMahon	F.
Kallal Joe	C.
Williams	G.
Bourell	G.

Jackies 13

Kleinhenz
Cox
Honningford
Birkmeyer
Shaeffer J.

Senior League

On December the fifteenth the Senior league opened with a good game between the Third Latins and the Commercials. The game was very rough. Shaeffer starred for the Latins and Hildebrand for the Commercials.

Third Latins 19

Laux	F.
Oppenheim	F.
Dawson	C.
Connor	G.
Shaeffer A.	G.

Commercials 9

Miller
Hildebrand
Bomholt
Gordon
Francoaut A.

Varsity Chosen.

Sunday December the ninth, the A. A. Board met for the purpose of selecting the Basket Ball Varsity. After about an hour and a half deliberation it gave the following results: Lause, Tremel, Wellman, O'Brien, Howard, Niese and Dolohery.

There is no reason to hope for anything, from these men except a great season. The first four mentioned were on the team last year. So get behind them and boost them as you boosted the football team.

When Willie's father came home to supper there was a vacant chair at the table.

"Well, where's the boy?"

"He's upstairs in bed," the answer came with painful precision from the sad mother.

"What's the matter now? Not sick is he?" (An anxious pause.)

"It grieves me to say that Willie has been heard swearing on the street."

"Swearing? Scott! I'll teach him to swear!" And he started upstairs in the dark. Half way up he stumbled and came down with his chin on the top step.

When the atmosphere had cleared a little, Willie's mother was saying sweetly from the landing: "That will do, dear. You have taught him enough for one lesson."

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Collegeville, Indiana.

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EDITORIALS.

There Is a Big Day Coming.

We are aware that our Nation is at the present time involved in one of the greatest conflicts in the history of the world. When U. S. entered this war you no doubt asked yourself this question, "Who is going to provide amusement and recreation halls for our soldiers?" This question you all know has been answered by the movement of the Knights of Columbus and also by the Y. M. C. A. The Knights of Columbus are doing the same thing at present in the camps as they did for our soldiers during the squabble in Mexico.

One of the purposes of the Knights of Columbus today is to protect the Catholic Church against all slander and abuse. The Knights of Columbus protect the Holy Mother the Church from those who unjustly slander her in the United States and in Canada. Why then should not its members consist of the cream of the Church? The Church in the present era should have a large body of men to safeguard it if anyone should persecute and slander her as was done in Mexico. We hope this will never be the case in this country where the stars and stripes wave over liberty-loving people. If the Knights of Columbus are not ready to down these lies, who will be? The Church should and does look upon the Knights of Columbus for protection because it is the only large body of Catholic men we have in this country.

Do not be a slacker and turn your back to your Holy Mother the Church when she calls on you for help. Do not hesitate! Be a man of determined will power and with plenty of back-bone step up and speak in her defense today. Men are wanted who love virtue and renounce evil. Such as are not afraid to tell the world they are Catholic and at the same time lead exemplary lives. This is the ideal sought by the Knights of Columbus.

How many of these men are here at Collegeville? Most of the student body let us hope. You are supposed to have these qualities. Each student

should not only make for himself a pinnacle of fame but should strive to uphold his Church.

In recent years the Knights of Columbus have greatly increased and cannot but help to impress us in an extremely favorable manner. Here at Collegeville are to be found many promising young men eligible for membership in their ranks. They will soon go forth into the world to assume leading places therein. If they are good Catholic men they can accomplish much among their fellow-men. This, we know, most of you will be able to do. Therefore we cannot too strongly urge you when at home this Christmas to do all in your power to make it a possibility through which you may seize this opportunity and enroll in a body of good Catholic men.

Knights of Columbus.

How fare the men who join our ranks?
To us and all they show their thanks.
When once a member in our fold
They promptly drop their ways of old.
And in a realm of sounder sod
They with high spirits firmly trod.

By angel choirs their praise is sung.
By mystic bells their joy is rung.
Though clouds appear, diffused and black,
Or troubles heap upon their back,
They never shall forget the way
They were received on
ONE GREAT DAY.

H. S. '18.

Before.

As the last few days before Christmas recess dwindle into hours, serious work is all but brushed aside and the intensity of remaining at St. Joseph's becomes almost unbearable. Every spirit poses in full holiday attire. The round of welcome awaiting youthful vacationists is already enjoyed in anticipation. From trunk-room to locker department the shouting and bantering of two hundred lads emanates and pervades the whole College atmosphere. Suit cases and traveling bags are hauled out; a few necessities are hurriedly thrown in, and all is in readiness for the dash to the station two hours before train time.

One hour after dinner on Friday, the house will be empty save for a mere half-dozen 'supers' who must remain. These have no share in the present hurly-burly but silently edge in and out of the noisy gatherings, or seek some slight consolation in cramming themselves with pastries and other dainties from a well filled Christmas box arriving in advance.

The boys of St. Xavier's Hall will not go home for the holidays; they will remain — at home. For some of them the jolly time coming is a novelty. Accustomed to the quondam manner of celebrating this season in company of parents, relatives and friends, they cannot imagine it in any other light. Nor would I lessen their apprecia-

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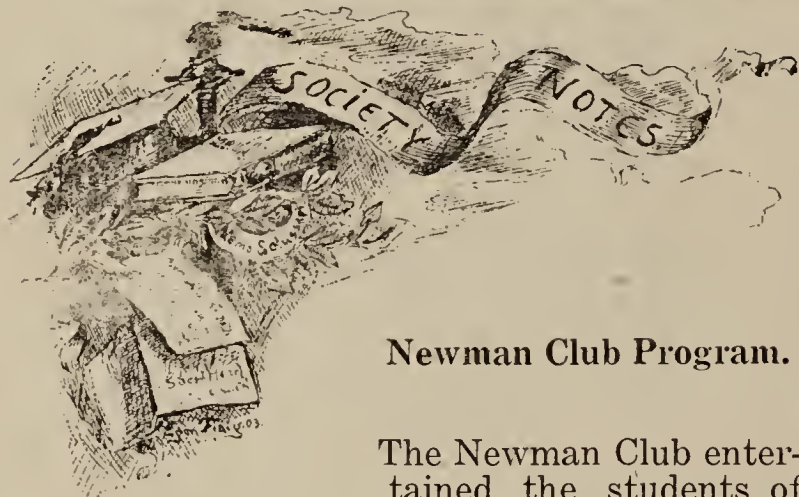
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Newman Club Program.

The Newman Club entertained the students of

St. Joe with an excellent program on the night of December 8th. Several of the participants did remarkably well considering the fact that for some, it was their first experience behind the footlights. George Conroy was the best performer of the evening. Despite the fact that he already had a selection, he was willing to take part in the farce though he only had a short time to study his part. To his credit can be added that he played his part better in the play than any other character. The program was as follows:

Music by the Orchestra.

- 1: Essay on Cardinal Newman F. Wellman
- 2: The Bishop and the Caterpillar S. Schmith
- 3: Short Furrows G. Conroy
- 4: Cheer for the Consumer E. Lauz
- 5: My Boy Dan Leo Pursley
- 6: Mr. Blifskin's First Baby Robt. Cadle
- 7: Dialect on Poe's Raven G. Knoth
- 8: Nathan Flat Syl. Mantey
- 9: Monologue M. Tkach
- 10: The Nigger in the Haunted House D. Coleman
- 11: Dialogue — Mike Gets a Job, Chas Sheehan, A. Meade
- 12: Music by the Orchestra.
- 13: Farce — "The Last Coat"

Participants:

Thomas Dana — A Painter Elmer Kempsen
 Richard Wagner — Musician Carl Schnitz
 Wolf Goethe — Poet George Conroy
 Jones — Landlord Ferd. Goettemoeller
 Issac — Clothes Dealer Chas. Cowl
 Music by the Orchestra.

Play Announced for the Jubilee.

The play to be presented by the Columbian Literary Society on the occasion of its Silver Jubilee will be "The Prodigal Law Student," a drame in four acts. The characters have already been selected and the play promises to be a success. The time selected for its presentation is February 4th, 1918.

When's the Big Day?

First Degree January 19,
 Second Degree May 5.

The Reality.

Bill never remembered feeling just like that before. The first bell had rung and in a few minutes he was to go to class and take the semi-annual exam in Greek. He had studied hard but knew that he would not be able to get a passing grade with his little store of Greek irregular verbs, his limited number of constructions. What was he to do? He would not consent to the thought of "fudging". That was against all his former resolutions. To flunk meant — well — trouble, in short. Why did anyone ever think of making up that accursed Greek? What could he do? The cold sweat stood out on his forehead. There he stood with his Greek Grammar in one hand, his Xenophon in the other. Study he could not. He felt as though he was about to faint. In a minute Kaegi would toll his doom. Would he have the courage to face it? Suddenly a bell rang. Was it the fatal bell? He looked around. All about him figures in white jumped up, shouting and gesticulating. What was it all about? Then he remembered. It was today that they were going home for the Christmas vacation and there was no exam at all. It was all a dream. But such a dream!

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Chats by "Hep".

No. I.

"What's the use? I'm going to call it off!
There is no use trying; — I cant get my Latin."
These and similar were the remarks expressed by
a Junior recently.

Not so hasty, my young friend. Why so pre-
cipitate? Are you the only one who is facing
difficulties? You may think so, but in reality
you are probably the only one who is not facing
them. Others of your fellows are finding similar
reasons for discouragement in this or that branch.
Though perhaps less talented than you they are
bearing, each one his own small cross, showing
themselves thereby perfect little men. You try
to carry yours by dividing it among your associ-
ates. That's uncharitable. You are burdening
others with your trials — seeking relief from hu-
man sympathy. You'll never find it there, lad,
and your friends do not thank you for the endless
repetition of your failures.

Go to that professor who seems so exacting —
so hard on you. Maybe there is a misunderstand-
ing. He means it well even if he does seem severe,
and he is the only person who can and will help
you. But there is some one else — the patient
Watcher in the Tabernacle. Go to Him, too, and
pour out your troubles in silent, hopeful prayer.
That will be relief indeed. Try it!

Are you a Booster?

Boost the K. of C's initiation.

TO THE BOYS.

Where, oh where, is Jimmy tonight
This night of all nights in the year?
He is out on the storm-swept battle-field,
On the scorched fields of hate and fear.

Out in the trenches cold and grim
With death and the night as comrades;
'Mid the scream and the roar of thundering guns
He chants his Christmas hymns.
The tramp, the clash and the battle's din
Must be an "Adeste fideles" for him.

Yet merrily manly songs are ringing,
Tenderly, joyously voices are singing
In the land of death and thunder!
The heart is not cold that beats 'neath the gray
But is dreaming tonight
'Mid the slaughter and fight
Of a happier and another day.

O winds that are playing so sweetly tonight
Waft to our Jimmy our love;
Bring him our Yuletide Greetings,
And the joys that fall from above.

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Why are you going home Christmas? To ask to join the K. of C's.
The Aurora. The snow flurried in large damp flakes to the ground. It seemed as though the whole firmament wished to pay us its usual Yuletide visit. Christmas bells and holly with a disfigured Santa Claus might be seen by a passer-by in the windows of those looking forward to a merry Christmas. The whole vicinity had the pleasing odor of mistletoe and poinsettas. In his home at Ft. Recovery little Fritz Wellman sat in the corner of the nursery reading Grimm's Fairy Tales fully decided within himself that he would wait until Santa arrived, and once in his little life screw his optics on the much depicted and well loved Santa Claus. Eight-thirty came and still no sound in the chimney. Fritz was shaking with suspense, for he knew it was his bed-time and he to his full mental capacity realized how he would feel in the morning after spending an evening of dissipation. Fritz waited and waited. He loved the benefactor of his few former Christmas days. All his little heart desired was to see and thank his ideal of manhood. Nine-thirty came and still no sound of sleighbells. Fritz was almost on the verge of a nervous breakdown. It was evident that he was not interested in his Fairy Tales for they were hind-foremost in his lap. Tears were trickling down his smooth pale pink cheeks, and sob after sob escaped his parted lips. Never before in his life had he been denied a thing and to think that so soon all his plans had been transformed into chaos. Later and later grew the hour, at last so late that the people going to midnight Mass might be heard plodding their way through the drifted snow. Ah! — Fritz hears something. A clatter is made overhead. Someone is coming down the stairs. The door is opened and there stands his mother. "What are you doing at this unearthly hour? Don't you know it is time you had your teeth brushed and your clothes changed for Mass?" "Oh Mamma," said Fritz, "I have been waiting here and it is no use. Santa will not come tonight, I am afraid something terrible has happened." His mother taking him by the ear spoke harshly to him and upbraided him in his folly. Do you want to know what she told him? She told him: "There is no Santa Claus." What are most of our older students? K. of C's, of course.

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How I admire you and your timely benevolence. I cannot obstreperously enumerate but it suffices that I must paragraph a few lines to you in behalf of my dear "æquales." You know that this is the supreme and oleartic period of unconfined joy and precinctious light-heartedness which universally lays hold of the student body. It is at their bequest that I write you this letter.

Please bring John Carniverous Hunt a black-head remover as he says he don't know what he would do if he didn't have this pastime around here. Mathias Consumption Lause wants some art corners and glue so as to pass the other fifth of his time with his photo album. And don't forget Carl Ferocious Goeckeler's prayer for a new spoon. Hugh Cactus Striff wants a modern logic book and a year's subscription to the "Snappy Story." And Santa Claus, don't forget to bring Gregory Arsenic Miller a new dictionary of profane language. He has completely run out of new words. Please bring Francis Gymnasium Miller suitable presents for Harry and Wayland Recker. Don't forget Joseph Stepladder Tremel and bring for him a table cloth that will not be spotted with gravy. And James Woolworth Dalton wants a new pair of pants for Religion class. Please bring Willie Wentworth Wigmore some washings, as he says he is not coming back next year, and Gerald Slats Ryan a new face. James Militia Hogan a gun to shoot his bull. Bring Bernard Hyacinth Lear a new smile and Leo Nasality Hildebrand a pair of rubbers. And, dear Santa Claus, bring Sambo Dunn a carton of Beech-Nut and Thomas Jean de Flynn a book on prize fighting. And Walter Insertion Gordon a fertilizer medal. And don't forget to bring Blondy Coddington an invisible pipe, and smokeless tobacco for Cussy Meade. Some sense to Joseph Divinity Howard and a Pussy to Robert Missouri Cadle. Bring Kampsen the technique of music, to William Residue Manley a pair of B. V. D's. George Tolerable Conroy wants some moh time, shua nuff, and Austin Eva Cable wishes information on the art of "hide and go seek."

Hoping all this will be in your power, dear old man, for I know your duties are manifold and complex and sometimes your failure causes atrocious heart rendings. I ask you to bring these things for my fellow students, and as for me, bring me a Xenophon "pony."

I remain graciously and expectantly
Francis Xavier Hermiller.

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tion of the reality by any suggestion now of the rousing cheer which will prevail.

Christmas joys for the Senior are tempered by the thought that another year will find him elsewhere. A few short months, a few more difficulties to surmount, and then — farewell. Already he shrinks from the thought. The 'happiest days' are soon to exist only in memory. He would fain linger in his acquired home, but, since this is not granted, he chooses the next-best and enjoys to the full the one opportunity still remaining.

Groceryman — Pat, do you like apples?

Pat — Sure sor, but Oi wouldn't ate an apple for the world.

Groceryman — Why, how is that?

Pat — Ough! didn't me old mother die of apple-plexy?

Where's the goat?

At the K. of C's doings.

My Face.

I don't mind it, —

I'm behind it.

It's those in front that it jars.

— Reichert.

LaMere — What if the supply tank would freeze?

Manley — Gee! That would be fine. I and Tomlinson wouldn't have to wash the next morning.

What are you going to do?

I'm going to join the K. of C's. Are you?

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"Yes'm," replied Willie, and a few minutes later he returned and reported:

"Mrs. Brown says it's none of your business how old she is."

Some jokes are good,
Some jokes are fair,
But the most that we hear
Are only hot "hot air."

In France.

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Oft I wonder if you are
Just an astral bright and big,
Or a headlight on an aerogig.

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